

REMARKS

1. Applicant thanks the Examiner for his detailed findings, conclusions, and for pointing out the allowance of Claim 17.

2. It should be appreciated that the Applicant has elected to cancel Claims 1-6, 8-16, 21-26, 28-30, 32, and 33 solely for the purpose of expediting the patent process in a manner consistent with the PTO's Patent Business Goals, 65 Fed. Reg. 54603 (9/8/00). In making such amendments, Applicant has not and does not in any way narrow the scope of protection to which the Applicant considers the invention herein entitled. Rather, Applicant reserves Applicant's right to pursue such protection at a later point in time and merely seeks to pursue protection for the subject matter presented in this submission.

3. The Applicant cancels Claims 1-6, 8-16, 21-26, 28-30, 32, and 33 from the application, without prejudice.

4. Claims 1, 15, and 33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that the Applicant regards as the invention.

In view of the above described cancellation of Claims 1, 15, and 33, the current rejection of Claims 1, 15, and 33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that the Applicant regards as the invention is rendered moot.

5. Claims 1-6, 8-16, 21-26, 28-30, 32, and 33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. patent no. 6,925,393 (hereinafter "Kalatz") in view of U.S. patent no. 6,853,854 (hereinafter "Proniewicz").

In view of the above described cancellation of Claims 1-6, 8-16, 21-26, 28-30, 32, and 33, the current rejection of Claims 1-6, 8-16, 21-26, 28-30, 32, and 33 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kalatz in view of Proniewicz is rendered moot.

6. Claims 1-16, 21-26, 29, 30, 32, and 33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. patent no. 6,518,069 (hereinafter "Otvos") in view of Proniewicz.

In view of the above described cancellation of Claims 1-16, 21-26, 29, 30, 32, and 33, the current rejection of Claims 1-16, 21-26, 29, 30, 32, and 33 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Otvos in view of Proniewicz is rendered moot.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, the Application is deemed to be in allowable condition. The Examiner is therefore earnestly requested to withdraw all outstanding rejections, allowing the Application to pass to issue as a United States Patent. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the application, he is respectfully urged to contact Applicant's attorney at (650) 474-8400.

Respectfully submitted,



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